GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to curb the smuggling of Narcotics and other banned substances into the country;

(b) whether the inflow of Narcotics through Kerala is on the rise;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and the steps taken by the Narcotics Control Bureau to curb it; and

(d) the details of the seizures of drugs from Kerala during the last three years and the action taken against the culprits?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): Sir, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy, which includes constant vigil, stepping up of enforcement efforts, gearing up of the intelligence machinery, modernization and upgradation of police, border fencing, intensified border patrolling, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act to interdict drugs on the borders etc.

(b): Intelligence gathered and seizures made do not indicate such a trend.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Details of seizures of drugs in Kerala during the last 3 years as reported by various drug law enforcement agencies are as follows:-

Year	Name of Drug(s)	Quantity Seized in Kgs.
1997	Ganja	80.737
1998	Ganja	60.628
1999	Ganja	229.863
	Heroin	1.448
	Hashish	3.600

The culprits are arrested and stringent action is taken against them under the provisions of NDPS Act.